



## Red Flag unfurls



By  
**Airman 1st Class Jason Burton**  
509th Bomb Wing

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.** — Today marks the conclusion of the first Red Flag exercise of 2006.

The second and final part of this Red Flag had 2,000 personnel from the United States, United Kingdom and Australia, with more than 110 aircraft combined to make one of the largest aerial exercises in the world.

Of the 2,000 members here during this part of Red Flag, more than 200 are Whiteman members either participating in the exercise or leading it.

During the second part of this exercise, and for the first time, the 509th Bomb Wing was designated as the core unit for Red Flag.

The core unit provides overall supervision and leadership for the entire exercise.

Whiteman was chosen as the core unit for this Red Flag because the B-2 is often the centerpiece of a deployment and the exercise allows Whiteman's officers and enlisted to train in a provisional wing deployed environment, said Lt. Col. Bill Eldridge, 393rd Bomb Squadron director of operations.

"Whiteman was also chosen because of our role in supporting Air Expeditionary Force 9/10 and preparing them for war," said Col. Bob Wheeler, 509th Operations Group commander and the expeditionary force commander for the second part of Red Flag.

The core unit performs duties such as scheduling more than 160 daily sorties, ensuring safe departure and recovery from the Nellis Air Training Ranges. The core unit also provides personnel to man the operations desk, administration troops, life support Airmen, security managers, and aircraft maintenance supervision for all exercise players.

Besides being the core unit and directing the exercise, many Whiteman members are also participating in the exercise.

Whiteman intelligence personnel are responsible for planning and coordinating



Photos by 1st Lt. Bruce Nester

**Top left: Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Culbertson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron lead production super, pulls a power hose in front of a B-2 during Red Flag 06. From right: Senior Airman Christopher Smith and Airman 1st Class Travis Wimberly, 509th AMXS members, work on the flightline at Nellis Air Force Base preparing B-2s for sorties.**

the exercise missions of more than 80 United States, United Kingdom, and Australian aircraft on the Blue Force team (the good guys). The Red Force (the bad guys), members of the recently reactivated 65th Aggressor Squadron, plan their own missions and try to beat the Blue Force.

"Red Flag gives us the range spaces and we provide the exercises and scenarios, and determine how to integrate all of the units," Colonel Wheeler said. "This particular Red Flag is more complicated than before, and (the Red Flag staff) has pushed up the threat scenarios. We have two large force exercises encompassing more than 60 jets both day and night, as well as a dynamic targets exercise and a close air support exercise all with live weapons."

As far as realism is concerned, Colonel Eldridge said "this is probably the best large force exercise there is. This is as real as it comes. The only things missing are the missiles."

The realism of Red Flag's training is designed to help younger pilots learn how to operate in a combat situation.

"There is a steep learning curve for younger pilots. They learn very quickly

about new threats and our own capabilities," Colonel Eldridge said.

This is why all of the B-2 pilots from the 393rd BS are participating in the second part of Red Flag, Colonel Eldridge said. "I want to give my pilots three or four sorties as close to combat as possible."

"Red Flag is a high stress environment with a lot of simulated threats that include air-to-air and ground-to-air attacks. Red Flag is tough to make combat seem easier."

Red Flag is part of a building block approach, according to Maj. Dan Manuel, 509th Operations Support Squadron.

"It enables us to take younger guys and push them across the range so they have to look for bad guys, good guys and surface to air threats."

"Then when we get home we can use what they learned to build the pilots situational awareness. This really lays the foundation for them," said Major Manuel.

Red Flag is designed to give pilots realistic combat training, however, pilots aren't the only ones receiving training.

The U.S. Army has ground forces practicing convoy maneuvers with aerial support, and Airborne Warning and Control

### Red Flag 06-1 Fast Facts

Team Whiteman stats:

- 126.7 hours in two weeks without having to jump to spare aircraft.
- 31 for 31 sorties
- 100% on time take-off
- 97% target effectiveness rate
- Successful employment of 80 GBU-38 munitions — First time in Red Flag history
- During one Red Flag strike package 80 of 137 targets destroyed by a single B-2
- "I would like to thank each of you for an outstanding job at Red Flag. You should be proud of your performance." — Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Culbertson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Systems crews are responsible for up to 80 exercise aircraft at a time. And with all of these aircraft, the ordnance, logistics and

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COMMENTARY

Commander's Corner

Honoring our superstars

By Col. Eric Single  
509th Bomb Wing vice commander

As I watched the Olympics unfold each evening this week, I marveled at the level of performance the athletes displayed in their respective events.

Each competitor has obviously devoted incredible amounts of time, effort, and energy to perfecting their skills, and their dedication and attention to detail are apparent as they constantly reach new heights.

They are able to attempt things few people in the world can even imagine, and they accomplish them with near perfection. These Olympians are in fierce competition with the best of the best from every country, and the medal winners who finally stand on the podium are true superstars in their respective sports.

One week from today, we will honor our own superstars at Whiteman's annual awards banquet. Like the Olympians mentioned above, all our nominees have devoted huge amounts of time, effort, and energy to their various duties. They are true experts in their fields and have risen above their peers by their sustained performances. The members of the final group of nominees have had to aggressively compete with many other talented Airmen as their records of accomplishment were judged at the squadron and group levels.

The award nominees we will recognize next Friday night have all excelled not only in their assigned duties, but also in areas of self improvement and community service. They have gone the extra mile, volunteering for base and community events, taking classes, and constantly

striving to increase their contributions to the Whiteman team.

As in the Olympic games, the winners in each category will be determined by the slimmest of margins. The scoring panels have struggled to identify the top performer in each category, dissecting the impressive lists of accomplishments each nominee brings to the competition.

Every one of the individuals considered for these prestigious awards is a true superior performer, and the board has a tough job ahead to determine who will come out on top.



Col. Eric Single, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, signs an Air Force Assistance Fund donation card. For more AFAF information see Page 3.

Some points on followership

By Maj. Craig Stefan  
394th Combat Training Squadron

I am not a squadron commander, so I thought it most appropriate for me to reflect on followership rather than leadership.

The points I discuss are not intended to be an exhaustive list, nor even the three most important attributes of a follower. They are just three that have helped me, when applied, be a better part of the team.

I hope you will find these points useful in building your skills as a follower.

**GRACE** — Grace is a word that is not used very often in our conversation. A couple good definitions I have heard for grace are “unmerited favor” and “getting what you do not deserve.” Exhibiting the virtue of grace means intending and doing well towards your neighbors.

An example would be if you are cut off in traffic, you assume the other driver was rushing to the hospital to tend to a sick child, rather than swearing at them.

Have you ever heard an argument and then talked to each side afterwards? Usually both think they were right and can't understand what is wrong with the other party. This demonstrates the necessity of grace.

People rarely think the things they do are rude or offensive. However, we often consider those around us to be impolite.

Eventually, something has to give. It is not easy, but strive to be the kind of person who will give others the benefit of the doubt. A unit can't succeed if its members do not practice grace.

Those I work with know I do not always practice grace as I should, but I hope that does not diminish the value of grace in your eyes.

**OWNERSHIP** — The small business owner has no trouble with this concept.

His name is on the sign in front of his store and hard work directly affects how well he can provide for his family.

In the military we do not “own” our business nor does our level of effort directly affect our pay. In addition, we tend to move to a new job every couple years if not more often. However, we are stewards of the resources the taxpayers entrust to us to accomplish the mission of defending our nation.

Taking ownership is adopting the mindset of the small businessman.

A good follower approaches work as though their name is going on the final product.

Taking ownership also means caring about how things will go after you leave. In the business-owner analogy, this would be leaving a good inheritance, or a legacy, for your children. Mastering the concept of ownership will not only make you better at your job, but also help you find more satisfaction from it.

**DUTY** — Sometimes, if you have to do something you

really despise, it is hard to apply the concept of ownership. That is when duty must kick in.

Duty is doing something you know you must do, even though you loathe doing it.

My first director of operations in an operational squadron used the “funny hat” story to help make that gut check.

Suppose there is a club you want to join. The club has great members, they do things you love to do, and have a good time doing them. You know being in that club will bring joy to your existence.

The only thing is they have to wear these funny hats. You think the hat is ridiculous and have no desire to wear it.

Would you still join that club and endure wearing the funny hat? Of course you would. In the Air Force, you work with great people, doing important yet fun work, and receive good benefits for doing it.

There are funny hats we must wear sometimes, but pulling through that duty is well worth the reward.

## Newsline

### WSA to conduct inventory

The weapons storage area will conduct a munitions inventory Feb. 27-March 3. All munition transactions must be completed no later than Feb. 24.

Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the inventory. If there are any questions, call munitions accountability at 687-8023.

### CMSU offers free basketball tickets

Central Missouri State University offers free tickets to military ID cardholders and their families for the CMSU vs. Missouri Western basketball games Saturday.

The Jennies' (women) play at 1:30 p.m. and the Mules' (men) play at 3:30 p.m. at the CMSU Multipurpose Building. Tickets are available in the public affairs office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111. The first 150 members who show their DoD ID cards at the game will receive a free food voucher.

For more details, call the public affairs office at 687-6123.

### AFAF offers scholarships

The Air Force Aid Society is offering ten \$500 scholarships to Air Force spouses interested in becoming Certified Nursing Assistants. For more details or to register for the program, call the FSC at 687-7132.

### Maintenance professional banquet

The Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 10, at Mission's End.

The guest speaker at the event will be Col. David Nakayama, 542 Combat Sustainment Wing vice director.

■ Dress code: Military: BDU  
Civilian: Casual

To RSVP contact your first sergeant by Feb. 24.

### Free computer workshop

CMSU Library Services is hosting free computer workshops open to the public. This is a great opportunity for military and/or family members who want to learn basic computer software skills or brush-up on ones they have. To register for a workshop class go to [www.cmsu.edu/calendar](http://www.cmsu.edu/calendar).

### FTAC seeks team leader

The First Term Airman Course is looking for a highly motivated, sharp staff sergeant to fill the team leader position. This is a great opportunity to expand your leadership experience and have a chance to influence Whiteman's newest airmen. Please read below for more information, or contact Master Sgt. David Hodges at 687-6391.

## Are you tracking?

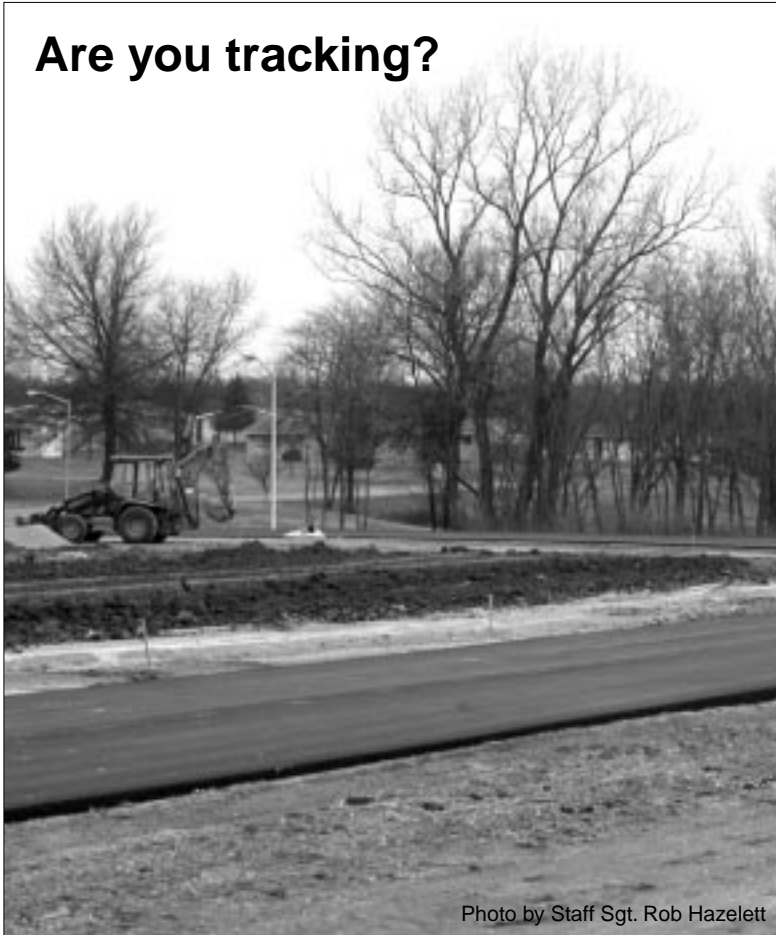


Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

The new outdoor running track, located near the base fitness center is still being constructed with an estimated completion date of April 16. Runners are reminded to run on the road or in the fitness center until that time because the track is not yet ready for use and is not the property of Whiteman Air Force Base. The contractors still need to lay another level of asphalt and sod the infield, and once that is done there will be widespread information about the track the day the track is officially open to the public.

## Drugs are bad M'kay



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

James Taylor, Demand Reduction Program Manager, speaks to teenagers during a Drug Awareness Briefing at the Teen Center Feb. 7. The center runs a program each month called 'Smart Moves', which asks guest speakers, such as Mr. Taylor, to participate in once each quarter. This is a Boys and Girls Club program that focuses on peer pressure, drug awareness and prevention, and making smart choices said Connie Morton, Whiteman youth programs lead recreation assistant. Patrons are reminded that the Teen Center is currently at the Community Activity Center while construction is ongoing at its former location. For more information please call 687-5819.

# WOSC, WESC scholarship program kicks off

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses Club and Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club 2006 scholarship program is now underway.

Both applications may be downloaded from the enlisted spouses' club website at [www.whitemanesc.com](http://www.whitemanesc.com). Click on the activities link, followed by the scholarship link.

High school seniors may pick up information and applications from their high school guidance counselors, the base library, and the base education office. Applicants must be: a high school senior, the dependent of an active duty, Guard and Reserve, retired, deceased, or MIA/POW member, residing in the local area, and graduating from a high school within 75 miles of Whiteman. Students are required to send a: complete high school transcript, a resume, ACT/SAT scores, and an essay.

Spouse applications are available at the base library, family support, the base education office and through either the officer spouses' club or the enlisted spouses' club. Spouses must be: the spouse of an active duty, Guard

and Reserve, retired, deceased, or MIA/POW member, a high school graduate, pursuing an undergraduate degree, planning to be enrolled as a full-time student in the fall. The application requires: a completed application, one letter of recommendation, and an essay.

All applicants will be judged on leadership ability, personal goals, academic achievement, volunteer and community activities, essay, and interview.

Applications must be postmarked by Mar. 25. Only the most competitive applicants will be interviewed on Apr. 8. Interviews are required to be considered for the scholarship.

Finally, the winners will be announced at a presentation on Apr. 27.

Completed applications can be sent to either:

**Sheri Marler**  
108 Travis Lane  
Whiteman AFB, MO  
65305

**Kristen Brechwald**  
703 Shamrock Lane  
Warrensburg, MO  
64093

### FAST FACT

Last year, \$11,000 was awarded in scholarships by these organizations.

# Air Force Assistance Fund drive is off and running for 33rd year

The Air Force Assistance Fund drive for 2006 officially kicked off on Monday and will run through March 26.

This is the 33rd year of the AFAF.

Air Force people helping Air Force people – that's what the drive is all about.

The campaign raises money for four charities that benefit Active duty, Reserve, Guard, and retired Air Force personnel and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

The charities are:

- 1) Air Force Aid Society,
- 2) Air Force Village Indignet Widow's Fund
- 3) Air Force Enlisted Villages Indignet Widow's Fund
- 4) General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation

All contributions to the fund are tax deductible as an itemized federal deduction. Contributing is easily accomplished through payroll deduction or by a one time contribution.

Installation project officer: Capt. Brian Clough, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Installation project officer Assistant: 1st Lt. Nathan Johnson, 509th Medical Support Squadron.

Whiteman financial goal for 2006 is \$52,000. This year's participation goal is 50 percent.

Project officers, their units and phone numbers are:

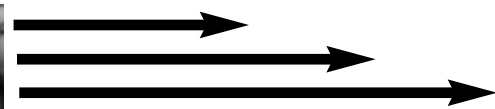
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| 509th CPTS | Senior Airman Kyle Light      | 5458        |
| 509th CS   | Staff Sgt. Felicia Haecker    | 5727        |
| 509th LRS  | 1st Lt. Marie Martin          | 1387        |
| 509th MDOS | Capt. Tami Laco               | 2188        |
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| 509th MSG  | 1st Lt Thomas Hamlyn          | 6608        |

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| 509th MXG/QA    | Master Sgt. Robert Goddard  | 1512 |
| 509th MOS       | Tech. Sgt. Jeff Smith       | 1933 |
| 509th MSS/BW    | Master Sgt. Warren Weakley  | 7829 |
| 509th MUNS      | 2nd Lt. Nickole Lensgraf    | 8026 |
| 509th MXS       | Master Sgt. Todd Devereaux  | 3188 |
| 509th OSS/OG    | Master Sgt. Todd Lewis      | 6101 |
| 13th BS         | 2nd Lt. Joshua Flye         | 3251 |
| 394th CTS       | 2nd Lt. Tim Fast            | 4559 |
| 509th SFS       | Master Sgt. A.J. Perreault  | 6860 |
| 509th SVS       | Master Sgt. Robert Jackson  | 5496 |
| 509th CONS      | 2nd Lt. Paula Chittick      | 5406 |
| 325th WPS       | Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Ford      | 7136 |

If you don't see your squadron represented in the point of contact listing, please contact your group representative.

For more information about the AFAF, please visit <http://afassistancefund.org/>.

# Management roles in EEO



**By Mark Mendes**  
Equal Employment Office

America's workforce is changing, are you? Trend analysts agree that organizations of the future will gain a competitive advantage by making the best of their human resources.

Many of today's managers and employees are ill-prepared to deal with the dramatic changes occurring in the American workplace. Too often, advocates of traditional management methods and models of organizational behavior have assumed a homogeneous male workforce. Today's workers are often women. They are Black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, Caucasian and members of other groups.

Homogeneity has been replaced by

diversity; people of different ages, races, ethnic and national backgrounds, physical abilities, and lifestyles. Experience Organization managers, experienced managers

“ A major step is to understand and value diversity. ”

agree that managing diversity and working with people who are different is difficult and certainly more complex than managing and working with people who share the same perspectives, motivations and work styles.

Dealing with diversity requires a great deal of self-awareness, sensitivity and skill. It requires a thoughtful application and

standard practices. The flexibility to change current policies, systems and behaviors to adapt to the needs of a diverse workforce are also vital. For most managers and employees, and succeeding in the multicultural workplace will require a change of both work and social habits.

A major step is to understand and value diversity.

Managers and supervisors alike need to keep “feelers” out so that they know how employees view management practices. Do employees see the agency as fair? If not, what can be done? Managers should establish a working contact with the Equal Employment Office Manager to stay informed on discrimination complaints within their activity. When an employee brings an issue to management first, take

the allegations seriously. Expert assistance is readily available from the labor relations officer, EEO, or civilian personnel flight managers. When employees go to management first to resolve their problems, it shows that they trust management to handle their issue fairly.

If the employee expresses an interest in filing a discrimination complaint, refer them to the assigned EEO counselor or the EEO manager for appropriate processing.

Managers and supervisors shouldn't act as a complainants representative as it may be a conflict of interest because of their position. Managers who remain aware of their own culture and limitations, practice empathy, remain non-judgmental and avoid stereotypes have little problem in their role as successful multi-cultural leaders.



Photo by Staff Maj. Joe DellaVedova

**Senior Airman William Abell**  
509th Security Forces Squadron

# Whiteman Spirit Award

Senior Airman William Abell, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award Monday from Col. Eric Single, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander.

Col. Connie Davis, 509th Mission Support Group commander, Lt. Col. Chuck Douglass, 509th SFS commander, and Carol Ann Sliwka, 509th MSG nominated Airman Abell for the award.

Mrs. Sliwka was walking to the chapel through deep snow. While driving a police cruiser, Airman Abell stopped and asked Mrs Sliwka where she was going and if he could drive her some place. I told him I was on my way to church, and thanked him for offering to take me to the chapel.

"Please extend my deepest appreciation for stopping to assist me during the inclement weather conditions and please commend him for me," she said.

## Personally speaking

**Time on Station:** Six months

**Time in Service:** Four years

**Hometown:** El Dorado Springs, Mo.

**Spouse:** Amanda Abel

**Children:** William Abel, 8 and Nathan Abell, 4

**Hobbies:** Bass fishing, motorcycle riding and spending time with the family

**Goals:** Retire and live next to some good fishing waters

**Best thing about Whiteman:** A good community atmosphere like a small town.

**Pet Peeves:** Unmotivated people

**What motivates your winning spirit?** You should always do things to the best of your ability.

**How would you change Whiteman?** Better hours at the BX



## Tops in Blue to perform in Sedalia

**Tops in Blue, the premier Air Force live performance group, is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the State Fair Grounds Mathewson Center, 2503 West 16th St. Sedalia, Mo.**

**For more information about the concert, call 687-6533**

### Historic beginnings



Maj. Al Reilly (now a retired colonel) created the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest in 1953 to recognize talented airmen in various categories ranging from comedy, drama, vocals, gospel, vocal and instrumental groups, country and western, and several others. His

idea was to discover the highest caliber of entertainment and provide it for Air Force families throughout the world, thus the phrase "family entertaining family" was first adopted in the new Air Force talent program. Furthermore, Major Reilly knew there were many athletic competitions, but there was nothing for those who were not athletic.

The Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest provided an excellent setting for the up and coming Air Force entertainers to display their talents.

Major Reilly then selected the top talent from the

### FAST FACTS

Tops In Blue...

Had their TV debut in 1954 on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town!"

Featured more than 1,700 airmen in their shows during the past 50 years

Performed over 7,000 shows since 1953

competition and produced a show with a troupe of the best Air Force entertainers which ultimately became known as Tops in Blue.

The debut tour traveled on a grueling trek, giving 230 shows in 235 days. (That breakneck pace continues today. What made that so amazing then is still true today: most shows are not performed at the same location twice. The cast must unpack, setup, do the show, tear down, pack it up and drive/fly to the next place each time.)

The first cast entertained more than 320,000 active duty military members and their families, firmly planting the Tops in Blue seed and cultivating the deepest dedication by this initial group of performers.





**Airman 1st Class Charles May recently received a retired officer's first salute coin from Col. Connie Davis, 509th Maintenance Group commander. The retired officer didn't have a chance to give it to his first salute and sent it to Whiteman with directions to give it to a deserving 509th Security Forces Squadron member.**

## *History of the silver first salute coin*

Authorized by Congress on April 2, 1792, the silver dollar traditionally is the only coin given in exchange for the first salute. The coin should represent more than a dollar in currency. To every new officer, it has a special significance. It represents the symbolic receipt of respect due a newly earned rank and position.

It signifies a deep sense of gratitude for the knowledge-enlisted personnel, especially NCOs, have passed on to them during training. It's acknowledgement from one professional to another saying, "Welcome to our service and to the profession of arms."

The coin is an expression of respect shared together, as are all tasks

and missions that are given together for the officer and enlisted to perform. The values and ethics that are passed on to the newly commissioned officer are there to be shared and remembered and to be passed on again when the time comes.

Whatever the origin of the "silver dollar salute", it is part of all Soldier's, Sailor's, Airman's, and Marine's love of duty and their respect for each other, and it strengthens their commitment and responsibility to serve their country.

Over the years each branch of service has put it's own spin on the tradition of the "silver dollar salute."

*(Information courtesy of [www.315aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.315aw.afrc.af.mil))*



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maintenance members are getting high tempo, high turnaround-training to keep their planes loaded, fueled and ready to launch.

Members from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit are responsible for 24/7 maintenance operations to keep three B-2s ready for action.

During the second part of Red Flag, the maintenance performed by the 509th AMXS and 393rd AMU resulted in more than 20 sorties averaging 4.5 hours of flight time per sortie.

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cline, 509th AMXS maintenance superintendent, said with the upbeat tempo of Red Flag, this is good training for B-2 maintainers. He added that "seeing all of the different aircraft taking off and landing, both U.S. and Coalition, is more realistic to a wartime scenario."

Throughout this exercise, all of the Whiteman members working together have allowed the B-2 to prove one of its core competencies: performing dynamic targeting.

While performing sorties, B-2 pilots can receive taskings to go hit new targets during a mission. Dynamic targeting is the ability to quickly hit a target that has not been pre-planned to strike, or a target that is of a time sensitive nature.

And that is exactly what has happened during this Red Flag.

As of Wednesday night, the B-2 had a target success rate of 99.7 percent of planned targets. With dynamic targeting the B-2 has hit 18 extra targets bringing it's total target success rate well over 100 percent. Meaning 18 targets hit by the B-2 were not original targets, but new targets received during the mission.

"Dynamic targeting allows the combatant commander to use an asset like the B-2, against unanticipated targets outside the normal mission planning timeline," said Maj. Mark Pye, 509th OSS chief of mission planning cell. "This tactic is another example of how flexibility is still the key to air power."

Red Flag is designed to be realistic and teaches many things. However, Colonel Wheeler said that teamwork is one of the most important things learned here.

"The bottom line is you can have a good offense, a good defense and a good quarterback, but if you don't orchestrate them, and if they don't come together as one group, then you are not going to have a super bowl team," he said. "The team from a synergistic perspective is greater than the individual parts."

The next Red Flag is scheduled for August.

# Whiteman's who's who list

Information on the who's who list is current as of Monday. See the events page of the *Spirit Times* for events sponsored by these groups.

## Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club

President:  
**Brooke Hepler**  
1st vice:  
**Angelle Tibbets**  
2nd vice:  
**Kristen Brechwald**  
Recording Secretary:  
**Teresa Romanowicz**  
Corresponding Secretary:  
**Valerie Finch**  
Operational Treasurer:  
**Renee Thorpe**  
Charitable Treasurer:  
**Angie Basham**  
*Note: Elections take place in May.*

## Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club

President:  
**Joanna Bradshaw**  
Vice President:  
**OPEN**  
Corresponding Secretary:  
**Michele Thomas**  
Recording Secretary:  
**Kris Bailie**  
General Treasurer:  
**Stacy Hass**  
Charitable Treasurer:  
**Lori Olive**  
*Note: Elections take place in April.*

## Company Grade Officers Association

President:  
**1st Lt. Tom Hamlyn,**  
509th Operations Group  
Vice President:  
**2nd Lt. Marie Brant,**  
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Treasurer:  
**2nd Lt. Heather Townsend,**  
509th LRS  
Secretary:  
**1st Lt. Jason Hamilton,**  
72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron  
*Note: Election take place in February.*

## Chief's Group

President:  
**Chief Master Sgt. Terry West,**  
509th Mission Support Group  
Vice President:  
**Chief Master Sgt. Andy Bauer,**  
509 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Treasurer:  
**Chief Master Sgt. Bill Bivins,**  
509th AMXS  
Secretary:  
**Chief Master Sgt. Al Godbout,**  
509th Maintenance Operations Squadron  
*Note: Elections take place in March.*

## First Sergeants Group

President:  
**Master Sgt. Michelle Thorsteinson-Richards,**  
509th LRS  
Vice President:  
**Master Sgt. Tim Allen,**  
509th Services Squadron  
Treasurer:  
**Master Sgt. Gary James,**  
509th Medical Group

Secretary:  
**Master Sgt. Buddy McClain,**  
509th MOS  
*Note: Elections take place in January.*

## Top 3 Association

President:  
**Senior Master Sgt. James Askren,**  
372nd Training Squadron  
Vice President:  
**Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick,**  
509th SVS  
Treasurer:  
**Master Sgt. Warren Weakley,**  
509th Mission Support Squadron  
Secretary:  
**Master Sgt. Karin Clark,**  
509th Maintenance Squadron  
*Note: Elections take place in June.*

## Tier 2

President:  
**Staff Sgt. Brad Calahan,**  
509th Bomb Wing  
Vice President:  
**Tech. Sgt. Kelli Remmert,**  
509th Medical Operations Squadron  
Secretary:  
**Staff Sgt. Leah Calahan,**  
509th MXS  
Treasurer:  
**Staff Sgt. Matthew Knowles**  
509th Comptroller Squadron  
*Note: Elections take place in December.*

## Whiteman Airmen's Council

President:  
**Senior Airman Aaron Shirley,**  
509th Operations Support Squadron  
Vice President:  
**Senior Airman Leila Hemenway,**  
509th BW  
Public affairs:  
**Senior Airman Mindy High,**  
509th AMXS  
Treasurer:  
**Senior Airman Sharla Fossen,**  
509th OSS  
Secretary:  
**Senior Airman Cendy Mascrier,**  
509th LRS  
*Note: Elections take place in April.*



Graphic by Staff Sgt Neo Martin

**Tim, we love and miss you. Come back soon! Maria, Ashley, Gabby and Lucas Graves.**

Patricia, across the miles, my love for you grows stronger every day. You complete me. From "Russia" with love, Dale.

Aaron, to our sweet little boy. Love you Mommy & Daddy. Happy Valentine's Day! Renee Schnur.



Happy Valentine's Day to my Caterpillar and Ladybug! ~With love from your Bumblebee.~

Happy Valentine's Day Daddy!! Lots of Love, Elijah & Jesiah.

**Happy Valentine's Day Ronald. Love You to pieces. -Tamika.**

Dear Mom and Dad, Happy Valentine's Day! You mean the world to me. I love you. Bethany.

Steve, I love you more than the MOST! - Sela.

Staff Sgt. Jason Burden, you're the best husband and dad ever! We love you lots! Sarah, Kelsey, and Sydney.

"Lovebug - 'Happy Hearts' Day to you!

LAW - I don't think it can get any better than this! BCW.

**Baby ah! Sa rang hae oh! Happy Valentine's Day, Love Mattie.**

Eidelweiss, an epiphany for you, my love. - CC.

Jordan, you are a big boy now and such a big helper to us. We love you, grandma and grandpa.

Alta, thank you for being a very special friend. Love you, Bill.

Hayley, Hunter and Hayden, I love you guys! You're the best kids a Mommy could have! Love, Mom. To Shelley and Lori, thanks for always being wonderful friends. I'm blessed to have you in my life. Always, Kelli.

Daddy, you are the best! Arf, Arf, bark. I love you more than food. Love, Charley Smith.

Dee, Happy Valentine's Day. Love you forever, Jo.

Natalie, we love you very, very much. Love always, mom and dad.

**Paulette, you're the sweetest and godliest wife and mother a family can know. We thank God for you every day. Ron.**

Mari, I am thankful for having you in my life. I love you! Charles.

Lesley, I love you! Be mine forever! Hugs and kisses, Keith.

Josh, love ya to the moon! Mom.

Alexis, grandma and grandpa love you so much! You are our special little angel.

Hon, I love you so much. Betty

Ashley, thanks for everything you do to help me out. I couldn't do it without you! I love you! Mom.

Lorenzo, Danaisha, Jayron and Danasha. Happy Valentine's Day and I love you all. Your wife and mother, Paulette.

Cie, please don't let our friendship end. One gesture from you is all it needs to go on. Friends always! Maria.

Gabby, I hope you know how much I appreciate you! Thanks for being there for me and Lucas. Love you! Maria.

I love you Greggie Poo! See you soon! From Cendy.

Mike, Kari and Eric, I love you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Johnna.

**To Scott, I love you! Also to Kasy, Alex and Cody: Mom loves you!**

Jessica, thank you for being a wonderful wife and mother. Me and Madison love you.

You're the greatest husband and father. Love always, Cristy, Tyler and Ashley Treece.

My reservists', I will miss you a lot. Happy Valentine's Day. Glenn.

Pamela, we want to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day, and thank you for everything. Love Chris, Natalie and Alex.

Angelle - you're my love, and best friend. Avery, Paul, and I are blessed for having a devoted mother and wife. Love, Paul



To Ratface and Stinky Pinkie. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you both very much. Hugs and kisses from Ugly Brownie.

**To all our friends that helped at the flower shop- hopefully, we come out smelling like roses! Thanks a bunch. Jackie.**

I love you mom, Leta, Drew, Penny, Calli, Bella, Asha and Grace. Hugs and kisses, Buck.

To mom with love, Hannah.

To dad, Happy Valentine's Day. Love Hannah Belle.

To Megan, I love you, sis. From Hannah.

To Shelby, love ya like a sis. From Hannah.

**To Megan & Hannah, Happy Valentine's Day. Love, mom and dad.**

Claudia and Kaley, Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you both very much, love you. Bill.

Mom, I love you! Dad, I love you! Hannah, I love you! Megan

To my Jimmy Poo, I love you. Happy 21st Valentine's Day. From your Honey, Teresa.

To my little baby, you are the adorable love of my life! Happy Valentine's Day, Chris. Love, Paul.

To my best friend, caring wife and beautiful love. I love you past the moon and back. Joshua.

Jeff, you are truly an amazing man of God and I can't wait to get to know you more! Affectionately, Mel.

**Hey Rush, thanks for being our kids' mom, my best bud, bride and companion in this journey. Tango love ya. To JH, everywhere I go, I think of you with all my love. From JH.**

To My Valentine Angel, the Love of My Life! I Love You! T\_E\_F\_.

Kris, Whoa, Whoa, yea, yea I love you more than I can say, Hope you have a great Valentine's Day. Love Paul.

Ape we are about to go on a huge adventure. I love you. We can make it. P.S. I designed this entire center spread for you (it's your card). N

Luvbug, You are it! You have ALWAYS been IT!! Past the moon, Sweetie.

Daddy, just wanted you to know I love you for always! Luv Mila.

Quintan, thanks for being my best Valentine's ever, and everything that you do for me. XOXO\_, Your Pokemon.

PJ, the best memories I have include you. You will forever hold that special place in my heart. XOXO, Tee-Tee.

Gordon, may we have music and marbles forever. I love you, Cathy.

To Dawn. 14 years together has shown me what true love and absolute friendship is all about. I love you, babe. David.

Mark, Happy Valentine's Day! I can't believe we have been married for almost a year. I love you! Love, Becky

Brothers, I love www.kaivus.com

To my husband Joe Pagano, Happy Valentine's Day to a great husband. I love you with all my heart always and forever. From your wife, Heather

Sweetheart, you're still the love of my life, my soulmate, and my best friend.

Love always, you're cuddle bear. To Travis Hughes, Happy Valentine's Day, honey! I love you with all of my heart! Love, Erin.

Laura, our love has endured many years, yet grows stronger every day I am with you! Be mine forever! Pete

**Vicki, I love you will all my heart. Love, Chad.**

J.P., Let's go away together real soon! Love ya, Michelle.

To Kelsie and Zacharie Morris, we are very proud of you both, and love you very much! Mom and dad.

To Marcus, Isa, Evie, Marc Anthony, Gabe and Alex; you are my special Valentine gang. I love you lots! Ms. Laura, at childcare.

Jim, thank you for 19 great years! All my love, Dawn.

Justin, we love you and hope for best for you! Love, Mom and Dad. Sarah, you are our sweetie! We love you, Mom and Dad.

Happy v-day Mom, I love you and i am glad i have someone to stand next to me! Love, Kacee

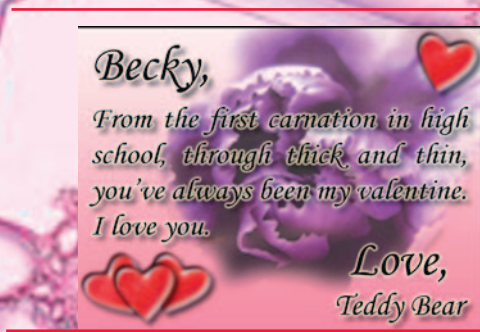
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Happy Valentine's Day, Dad! I love you very much and i look up to you very much. Love Kacee

Herbert, I thank God everyday for the love of a wonderful husband and father. You are everything to me. Love, Brandi

**To my husband Joe Pagano, Happy Valentine's Day to a great husband. Love you always and forever. Your wife, Heather**

To the sexiest hottest Irish woman on Whiteman: You make every Monday, Wednesday and Friday bearable. Guess who.



**Michele V., I love you more than life itself. You are the very air I breathe. Our relationship is just beginning. A. Murphy.**

Happy Valentine's Day Kim, and Jeanie and all the D&A cleaning contractors. From, Lena and Michelle.

Ciaran Veal. You are the bestest, nicest, smartest, coolest, sweetest Valentine any Mom could ever hope for. I love you.

Roses are red, violets are blue, Michelle and Lena you're a rockin' cleaning crew.

Dad, I love you very much! You are my favorite dad, even when you are rude! Love, your daughter Renee.

To Angela and Jasmine, I love you both very much! you are great kids! Love, Mom.



Kelsie, happy Valentine's Day, sweetie. I love you so much. Hugs and kisses, mom.

Ethan, you'll always be my favorite boy! Hugs and kisses, mommy.

Dear mom, you are my best friend! I love how close we are! Your favorite and only daughter, Renee.

Daniel Jackson, I love you. Soon we will figure out this marriage thing. You are the best husband on earth. Renee. Love always, Mommy.

Chloe, Happy first Valentine's Day. You're Mommy's little sweetheart. Love always, Mommy.

**Nathan, It's our first Valentine's day! From your sweetheart, XOXO Chloe.**

Maddie, we love you so much. Hugs and kisses. Always, Sherrrie, Kelsie, Courtnie, Ethan and Chloe.

Courtnie, Happy Valentine's Day. I love you so much. Hugs and kisses, mom.

Kristen, I love you and miss you so much, keep your chin up I'll BBS - Me.

To my Mud Chicken and Punkin Butt, I miss you and I love you and I'll be home soon - Daddy.

To Dad, (Noah Bolton) We miss you

very much! Come home soon! Love your little girls, Angela and Jasmine.

**To Kris, Thad and Matt, thank you for your love and support. I love you forever, Rob.**

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Aaron, to our sweet little boy. Love you, Mommy & Daddy. Happy Valentine's Day!

To Noah Bolton, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you and miss you very much. I can't wait 'til you get home! Love, Kristen



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# Commander-in-Chiefs

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

## ACROSS

1. Bhutan capital
7. Faucet
10. Crazy \_\_\_ \_ loon
13. NBA “bad boy” Dennis
14. Mining goal
15. 41st or 43rd President
17. 34th President
19. Food fish
20. Pot-au-\_\_\_; French meats and vegetables dish
21. Cooker
22. WeightWatcher goal
26. 7th President Jackson
29. Theater system
30. Enter again
32. Singer Horne
33. Most gloomy
37. Hair product
38. A-Team actor

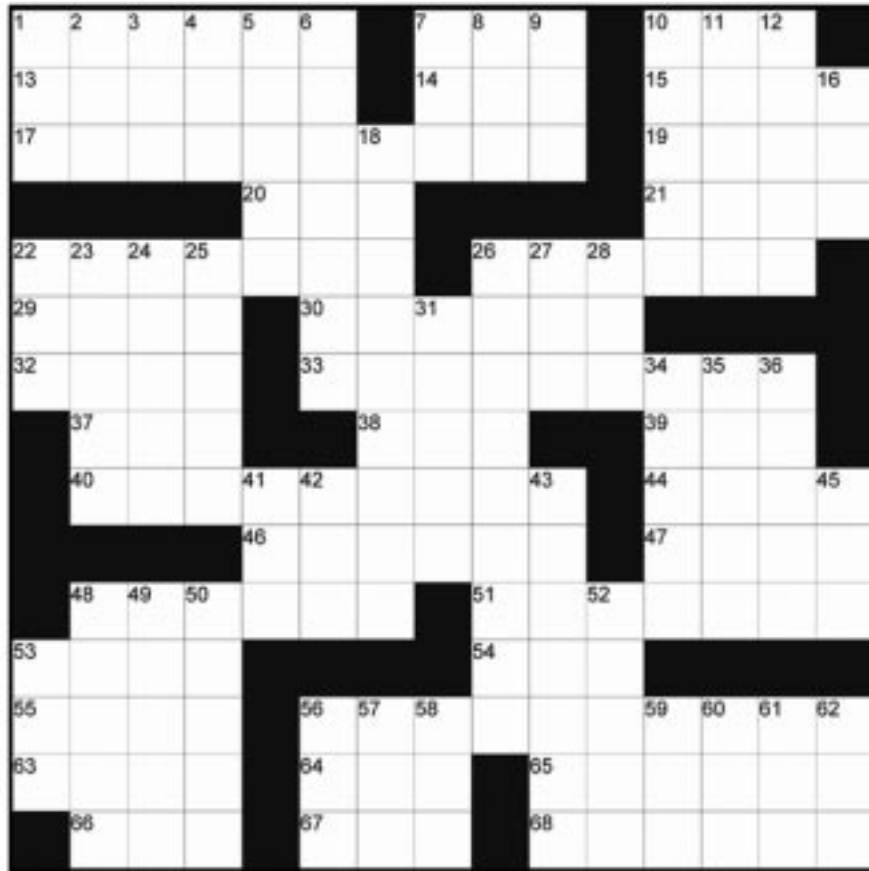


Feb. 3 answers

- a silo  
66. Concorde, in brief  
67. Dem.'s opposite  
68. Matched up

## DOWN

1. Cuba in Boyz n the Hood
2. \_\_\_ polloi; the masses
3. Mil. CAC cards
4. Married French woman, in short
5. Canadian winter resort site
6. Not listened to
7. Drag behind
8. Who \_\_\_ you?
9. Each
10. Loathe
11. Debonair
12. Slanted
16. Chicken
18. Farthest away
22. Rapper \_\_\_ Kim
23. Greek letter
24. More reasonable
25. Celebrate
26. Shiite religious authority
27. Nat'l talk radio
28. Opus \_\_\_
31. Maryland players
34. Moral
35. Stiff, cylindrical military dress hat
36. Austria and Italy neighbor
41. TMO items
42. Stadium cheer
43. Makes a god of
45. SpikeTV once
48. 2nd or 6th President
49. Kelly's co-host
50. Languid
39. Keep \_\_\_ tongue from evil...
40. Millipede or centipede
44. Male red deer
46. Bother
47. Office supply company
48. Correctly
51. 16th President
53. Garden spot
54. \_\_\_ 36-2903
55. Fury
56. 1st President
63. Sultan
64. Oklahoma town
65. Store (fodder) in



52. Fool
53. Before, poetically
56. Fray
57. Sweetened beverage
58. Resin
59. Home to Let's Make A Deal land Extreme Dodgeball
60. \_\_\_-tac-toe
61. Bullring cheer
62. Homer's neighbor

## —Auction—

### *Spirit of Missouri Chapter* **Military Officers Association of America**

The MOAA sponsors an annual fund raiser for the spirit chapter "helping others outreach program."

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**When:** Tuesday

**Where:** Mission's End

**Cost:** \$8.50

**Dress:** Casual dress or military uniform

Live auction to follow dinner. Reservation required to RSVP, call Janet Allen at 660-747-3634 or Retired Col. John Riffle at 816-540-2929.

### *Fund raising team*

Maj. Rebecca Steckel  
660-829-0351  
Florence Kuhn  
816-444-3754  
Capt. Peter Lex  
660-422-9227  
Maj Rebeca Vallejo  
660-429-1897  
1st Lt. Jason Mayne  
478-396-4471

Mae Hertig  
660-747-8381  
Col. (Ret) Tony and  
Shirley Sahlfeld  
563-5129  
1st Lt. Amanda Woodall  
600-536-0500  
Anne Woolery  
660-829-4145

### Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at  
<https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

#### Base education center offers CCAF

Community College of the Air Force can be your springboard to success.

Your military experience and training, coupled with a CCAF degree, can be your springboard to success. Many active, retired and separated Airmen are saying their CCAF degrees have started them on the path towards higher education and higher salaries.

Call Larry Broudrick at the education center, 687-5750, to find out how close you are to your CCAF degree.



### Team Whiteman Community

#### AADD seeks volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving,

a base organization that promotes safety, is looking for volunteers.

AADD is a basewide program that has volunteers on 24/7 telephone standby for any Airman who feels he or she has had too much to drink and needs a ride home.

AADD's goal is to eliminate cases of driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated on Whiteman and in the surrounding community.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact 1st Lt. Mary Olsen at 687-6121 or [mary.olsen@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:mary.olsen@whiteman.af.mil).

#### WESC to hold Mardi Gras party

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club will host a Mardi Gras party 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at Mission's End.

The event will include hor d'ourves, a disk jockey, door prizes, and prizes for best float and costume. Tickets are \$10 per person.

For more information, call Nikki Traylor at 563-2111.

#### Food pantry needs donations

The Whiteman food pantry, located in the family support center, needs donations. Donated items benefit Airmen and their families in need.

Donations can be given anytime by placing food items in the

collection bin permanently located in the commissary.

### Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

#### WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

#### Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

#### Interview class set

Learn the basics of effective interviewing, 6 p.m., Wednesday. Designed for spouses, retirees and family members. Reservations required.



**Tech Sgt. James Spinks and his wife Meg celebrate at Ford Field in Detroit during Super Bowl XL. Sergeant Spinks, who won a trip to the Super Bowl through the 509th Services Squadron Football Frenzy program, is an avid Steelers fan who got the opportunity of a lifetime when his name was drawn Dec. 10, 2005. Behind the lucky winners the field can be seen where the game was played.**

## Hope springs eternal champions, happy fan returns from Detroit

**By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Pittsburgh Steelers are rulers of the National Football League after winning Super Bowl XL, and one lucky winner from the 509th Bomb Wing got to see the culmination of their remarkable turnaround.

Tech. Sgt. James Spinks, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, had his name drawn by the 509th Services Squadron during their annual Football Frenzy program, in December, and received an opportunity of a lifetime.

"I was shocked," said Sergeant Spinks. "We were at our squadron holiday party, during our social hour, when Brig. Gen. Chris Miller grabbed a microphone, and said he thought it might be nice to hand out a gift while he was visiting us."

The smooth entry completely surprised Sergeant Spinks for what was coming next.

"I thought our squadron might have won the holiday card contest and were going to be receiving a discount on our party. General Miller called me and started talking about the club's different programs and mentioned the Football Frenzy," Sergeant Spinks said.

That's when the commander and Jeff Adams, Mission's End manager, announced he had been selected to receive the Super Bowl package that included two tickets to the big game.

The gift came shortly after the Steelers had lost a game to the Cincinnati Bengals and were facing a 7-5 record. Many had counted them out.

"When Gen. Miller announced that I had won, he asked what team I supported. I told him Pittsburgh and now all I needed was for them to get there. The Steelers playoff chances were beginning to look dim," Sergeant Spinks said.

"Then watching them make the playoffs as the number six seed, and win three weeks in a row to get into the Super Bowl was unbelievable. Actually getting the opportunity to be there when they won was indescribable," he said. Sergeant Spinks and his wife, Meg, made the all-expense paid trip to Detroit from Feb. 2-7.

"Headquarters Air Force Services Agency handled all the arrangements for round-trip airline tickets, a rental vehicle and hotel accommodations," Sergeant Spinks said. "The only thing we were responsible for was gas for the rental and meals we had outside of the scheduled sponsored events."

The couple's hotel was in Southfield, a suburb of Detroit, which is less than 20 miles from the stadium.

"The fact I had won the tickets really sunk in when we arrived at the stadium," Sergeant Spinks said, who also saw notable celebrities, and other premier players in the NFL.

One player was Mike Alstott, Tampa Bay Buccaneers full-back, who was at the Air Force recruiting trailer signing autographs, he said.

While he recommends everybody try winning a Super Bowl trip, Sergeant Spinks won't stop entering his name just because he's already won one.

"The Football Frenzy program is not just about the Super Bowl. It also awards trips to a Monday Night Football game and to the Pro Bowl," he said. "I will definitely be entering the drawings for next year's trips. There have been several instances of people winning multiple times, and maybe next time I'll be lucky enough to go to the Pro Bowl."

Rooting for a team that had been beaten and dismissed, Sergeant Spinks never gave up hope. Pittsburgh won their last eight games and realized what this self-acclaimed 'life-long member to the Steelers nation' hadn't seen since the days of his childhood some 26 years ago.

The only thing missing that would have made the super experience sweeter had to do with the emotional homecoming of Steelers running back, Jerome Bettis. "It would have been nice to see him have a Super Bowl touchdown in his last game," Sergeant Spinks said.

"The game's outcome was very satisfying, and the overall experience was incredible," he added. "Many thanks to the local club staff and the HQ AF Services Agency personnel who made it an event of a lifetime."

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## Sports shorts

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### Off base

#### **Panther wrestling**

The Knob Noster Panthers sent eight wrestlers to the 2006 Missouri State High School Activities Association Wrestling Championship which began Thursday.

The following wrestlers qualified for state during the district tournament Saturday in Warsaw. 103 pounds – Kirk Luzano (31-3); 112 pounds – Kris Luzano (29-8); 119 pounds – Quincy Hawkins (24-7); 125 pounds –Derek Thorsen (26-9); 130 pounds –Tony Demma (23-15); 145 pounds – Mitch Carroll (22-14); 152

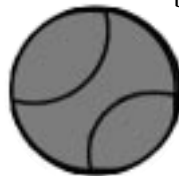
pounds – Cole Miller (28-8) and Derek Bradley (22-14).

### On base

#### **Intramural volleyball**

The base fitness center staff will serve up another intramural volleyball season beginning Tuesday in the Eagle Gym.

Thirteen teams will compete in the intramural bracket and five will take part in the extramural bracket. Games are scheduled for 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.



Matches will be conducted according to U.S.A. Volleyball rules and local bylaws and consist of the best two out of three games with no time limit. The first two games will be played to 25 points and the third to 15. All matches will be rally point, with each serve counting as a point.

#### **Youth basketball**

The Whiteman Sparks 5th-7th grade girl's basketball team lost a nail-biter, 28-24, to the Clinton Higgins' Construction squad Saturday at the Warrensburg Community Center. Kindra Wellman led White-

man with 10 points, while teammate Katie Tobias netted eight.

#### **Fight club**

Dentokan martial arts are offered at the base fitness center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$30 per month. Call the fitness center at 687-5496 for more information.

#### **Basketball tournament**

The base fitness center will host a 3-on-3 March Madness basketball tournament from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 14-17 in the Eagle Gym. Sign up at the fitness center by March 10.